State Of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

Christmas Eve, 1982, had been a lively and enjoyable evening at LuVerne Anders' home northwest of Faith, South Dakota. They were entertaining relatives that year, and there were six adults and nine children in the rural farmhouse when Christmas Day arrived. About 3:00 in the morning, some noise roused LuVerne from his Christmas slumber. Somehow, a fire had started in the entry; and try as they might, they could not put it out. They evacuated the house. To their horror, they could not find two children and heard screams coming from the house.

LuVerne did not hesitate in this dire emergency. He re-entered the house through a rain of molten plastic dripping from the ceiling tiles to pluck Laura, 7, from her burning bed, and Jay, 3, from under his bed. By now, the walls and carpet were ablaze. He had carried the children as far as he could when help arrived. They all got out just seconds before the ceiling collapsed.

LuVerne Anders had to be hospitalized with second- and third-degree burns and frostbite for his efforts that Christmas morning. There is no question that he is a hero, for he acted quickly and calmly when the difference between life and death was mere seconds.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM J. JANKLOW, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim the valor of

LUVERNE ANDERS

and join his family and friends in saluting him for his selfless courage and valor.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Third Day of September, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Three

William Janklow

WILLIAM J. JANKLOW, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

Alice Kundert

ALICE KUNDERT, SECRETARY OF STATE

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